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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS S AND T
CONFERENCE

REF: A-1918

1. SINCE THE TIME OF TRANSMITTAL OF REFERENCE CALLING FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE THE DECISION TO REORGANIZE THE U. S. EFFORT BY PLACING ALL ANTI- DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNDER A SINGLE AGENCY, DESIGNATED THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. ALL DRUG ENFORCEMENT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH WILL BE UNDER THIS NEW AGENCY. THIS NEW ORGANIZATION IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 1973.

2. IN VIEW OF THIS REORGANIZATION AND RESULTANT SHIFT IN PERSONNEL AND REORDERING OF PRIORITIES IT IS ADVISABLE TO POSTPONE THE CONFERENCE TO THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22 ND. THIS WILL ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE NEW AGENCY TO ESTABLISH ITS MODUS OPERANDI. PLANNING TO HOLD CONFERENCE AT AMERICAN EMBASSY PARIS (SEE PARA 5).

3. THIS POSTPONEMENT IN NO WAY REFLECTS A REDUCED OR MODIFIED U. S. INTEREST IN HOLDING THE CONFERENCE. IN FACT THE SUBJECT OF COOPERATIVE S AND T IN THIS SPECIALIZED AREA IS ONE OF THE RECOGNIZED GAPS IN THE OVERALL INTERNATIONAL

PROGRAM COMBATTING ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC.

4. THIS DELAY, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE WELCOME BY SOME WHO WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF TIME AVAILABLE FOR PLANNING, WILL ALLOW FOR THE U. S. INVOLVEMENT TO BE MORE MEANINGFUL AND ENSURE CONTINUITY AND FOLLOW- UP TO ANY AGREEMENTS AND DECISIONS MADE AT THE CONFERENCE. IT IS HOPED THAT COUNTRIES WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE (ALL ADDRESSEES; JAPAN PENDING) WILL RENEW THEIR INTENT BASED ON NEW SCHEDULE. COMMENTS AND INPUTS FOR CONFERENCE SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STILL BE SOLICITED(PG 4 REF. ATTACHMENT A) FOR PROGRAM PLANNING.

5. FOR PARIS: REF 10921(NOTAL) PLS PROCEED WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO APPROACH FRENCH TO CO- HOST CONFERENCE OR ALTERNATIVELY TO ASSURE THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO USG HOSTING AT AMEMBASSY PARIS.

6. ACTION ADDRESSEES REQUESTED INFORM APPROPRIATE

OFFICIALS OF POSTPONEMENT AND REASONS THEREFOR. ALSO
NEW DATE AND TENTATIVE PLANS TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN
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